REMARKS

All independent claims stand rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) from *Robotham* (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0015042) in view of *Kendall* (U.S. Patent Application 2005/0193053) and in further view of a new reference: *Kraus* (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,684). The pending independent claims are method claim 1, method claim 18, software claim 21, terminal claim 24, and terminal claim 27. The claims are now amended without prejudice, and without introducing any new matter.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 24 is a means-plus-function claim that is now amended to clarify that the terminal comprises hardware.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 18, and 21 are now amended to provide proper antecedent basis. However, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24 and 27 do not have an antecedent basis problem (they do not use the phrase "said subsequently accessing said revised version").

Further Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is now further amended to clarify that the revised version has been revised even if the indication to save the second rendering mode was affirmative. This is supported at least by page 4, lines 20-24 of the application as originally filed. The other independent claims are now amended similarly.

Amended Claims are Not Disclosed or Suggested by the Cited References

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references teach or suggest the present claimed feature of revising content between accesses, even if there is an indication to save the rendering mode. This aspect of the present amended independent claims is described at page 4, lines 20-24 of the application as originally filed: "When the user next accesses the web page/document, that web page/document will automatically start out in the rendering mode saved

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by the user last time, even if the content of the web page/document has been changed by someone else during the time interval when the user was not accessing it."

The final Office Action acknowledges at page 4 that neither *Kendall* nor *Robotham* teach or suggest inquiring whether to save the second rendering mode. Therefore, the final Office Action instead cites the new *Kraus* reference regarding saving changes upon closing content. Although the cited portions of *Kraus* disclose saving content (e.g. see the cited column 7, lines 3-5: "contents of the first frame 52 are saved"), that is very different from saving a rendering mode. *Kraus* does not teach or suggest saving a rendering mode during an interval between accesses when content is changed.

Figure 11 of *Kraus* indicates a save operation for saving a "frameset", which *Kraus* defines at column 2, lines 26-27 as a "layout". However, there is no suggestion in *Kraus* to change content between accesses as presently claimed, and no suggestion that the layout or rendering mode would be unalterable (i.e. saved) during those content changes.

This gap in *Kraus* is not filled by the other cited references. See, for example, Figure 7 of *Kendall*, which shows that additional preferences are received 53, and are then automatically stored 54, without any inquiry to the user about whether the user wants the additional preferences to be stored. This is a very substantial difference from the present claimed invention, because the present invention allows a user to experiment with various different rendering modes after opening content in a first rendering mode, while also allowing the user to close the content without affecting the first rendering mode that will be used when the content is visited again in the future.

Likewise, the cited *Robotham* reference does not teach or suggest the features of present amended claim 1. For example, paragraph 502 of *Robotham* does not suggest the present claimed inquiry to the user about whether to save the current rendering mode, even while the content is changed between accesses.
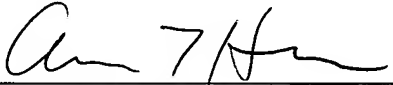
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CONCLUSION

The arguments presented above regarding claim 1 apply equally to the other independent claims. Because the cited reference does not teach or suggest critical elements of the present amended independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that these present claims are novel and patentable. Early allowance of the pending independent claims and the claims depending therefrom is consequently requested. Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone if the Examiner detects anything in the present response that might hinder a speedy allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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